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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 18 of this response.

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